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TITLE OF INVENTION: INTERACTIVE TELEVISION DEVICES AND SYSTEMS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 934 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 934 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/932,282

Applicant(s)

GATTO ET AL.

Examiner

FRED PENG

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/18/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28,33,34,37,38 and 78.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Joseph P. Hirl/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2426
August 5, 2009

Reasons for Allowance

1. Following a discussion with the attorney of record, Alan W. Young, on August 3, 2009 related to the Office Action dated July 31, 2009 and including prior Office Actions, the Office Action taken on July 31, 2009 has been reconsidered and is hereby withdrawn.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1-28, 33-34, 37-38 and 78 are considered allowable since when reading the claims in light of the specification, as per MPEP § 2111.01, In re Donaldson Co., Inc., 29 USPQ 2d 1845, 1850 (Fed. Cir. 1994), none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 1, specifically "input multiplexer" (supported at page 11, line 15-18), "output multiplexer" (supported at page 11, lines 18-20), "first digital bus" (supported at page 11, lines 5-7), "analog bus" (supported at page 11, lines 7-9; page 16, lines 15-23; page 17, lines 1-3), "video signal decoder" (supported at page 5, line 1; page 16, lines 15-23; page 17, lines 1-3), "video signal encoder" (supported at page 5, line 2; page 16, lines 15-23; page 17, lines 1-3), and a "graphics processing assembly" (supported at page 17, lines 20-23; page 18, lines 1-23; Fig. 1, item 190) wherein an interactive TV device with large bandwidth and processing power receives and processes multiple broadband input streams simultaneously providing practical, reliable and high quality full motion videoconferencing for personal, e-commerce applications, gaming and entertainment by implementing an interactive TV device with a plurality of input streams coupled to an input multiplexer, an output providing selective output streams coupled to an output multiplexer, a first digital bus coupled between the input and output multiplexers, an analog bus with video signal decoder and encoder connected between the input and output multiplexers and a graphics processing assembly coupled to the first digital bus and the analog bus.

The closest prior art (Safadi et al., US 2005/0289617) teaches personal versatile recorder and method of implementing and using connected to or integrated in a cable television set-top box with a central processing unit and a hard drive for mass data storage receiving one or more transport streams.

Inter alia, Safadi teaches a Video/Audio Decoder, item 103 (Fig. 1, Para 38) wherein the programming can be decoded through the audio/video decoder and provided to the video/audio outputs.

The prior art of Callway (US 6,950,772) teaches a system with input multiplexer and output multiplexer with a number of processing components such as A/D or video decoder under the test (the component for testing is user definable) in between the multiplexers for processing selected input signals and output the processed signals to output devices for analyzing through the output multiplexer (FIG.2; Col 3 line 49 – Col 4 line 58).

The prior art of Lee (US 6,507,366) teaches an apparatus and method for automatically tracking an object with a video camera system (Abstract).

The prior art of Anderson (US 5,903,829) teaches a module for radio frequency circuits including an electrically conductive housing (Abstract).

The prior art of Shintani (US 2007/0124755) teaches rewarding a viewer with viewing a pay program if the viewer responds to commercial programs (Abstract).

The prior art of Eldering (US 2006/0248555) teaches targeted advertisements through electronic program guide (Abstract).

The prior art of Duncan (US 2004/0093455) teaches a symmetrical multiprocessor computer system. The system includes a plurality of interconnected processors having corresponding caches, memories that are shared by the processors and a plurality of I/O bridges to which the I/O devices are coupled (Summary of invention).

The prior art of Jaff (US 2007/0118855) teaches a system and methods for remotely programming a set top box and for remotely scheduling an event on a set top box (Abstract).

However, inter alia, Safadi, Callway, Lee, Anderson, Shintani, Eldering, Duncan nor Jaff taken singularly or in combination do not teach the invention of the applicant identified above and specifically do not teach the use of a graphics processing assembly coupled to the first digital bus and to the analog bus wherein such graphics processing assembly includes video encoder/decoder, video controller, a second graphics engine and a CPU (supported at page 17, lines 20-23; page 18, lines 1-23; Fig. 1, item 190).

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than payment of the issue fee and, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statements for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRED PENG whose telephone number is (571)270-1147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 09:30-19:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hirl can be reached on (571) 272-3685. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Joseph P. Hirl/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2426
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